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PENNSYLVANIA has done itself proud in adopting a high heense law.

Ir is not at all likely that Will Gurly will be appointed assistant city attorney PERSONS centemplating insanity should

postpone it. The asylum is already overcrowded. THE Chicago bricklayers have struck.

because the contractors refused to pay

them on Saturday. Wirit the mercury boiling above the eighties, 'tis cheerful to read that coal

will be cheaper next month. GENERAL GREELY gave us a slight shower of rain yesterday. We need more

rain and fewer indications.

THE three Mexican army officers who crossed the Mexican borders have not yet crossed the river of Jordan.

MAYOR BOYD has delivered his vale dietory, and is no doubt happy to know that he is out of the mayor's office.

THE inter-state law seems to have no effect on Jeff Davis. He is still making long hauls on the country's patience.

Missouri is enjoying an extra session of her legislature. It is a case when 'tis to be regretted that death did not end

WITH Church Howe in Arkansas and Stinking Water Jim attending strictly to his own business, there is a painful silence among the statesmen of Nebraska.

THE Bohanon case will be tried soon. It is hoped that the expensive case will be permanently settled. He has already cost the state more than he is worth.

Iowa wants a line of barges on the Mississippi and Missouri. "With these," says the Gate City, "the railroads need not interfere with producer or consumer.

THE Rock Island intends to occupy as

much of Kansas as possible. It will also

connect with its Nebraska line at Bea-

trice, and run southwest to the main Denver line. MAYOR BROATCH may be under political obligations to some men who are not altogether clean, but it will not do to have such men forsted upon the public

in any capacity.

AFTER all it is not probable that a chief of police will be appointed until after the board of commissioners have adopted rules and regulations, and they have been approved by the council.

A MAN has been arrested in New York for stealing a section of sidewalk. He was sentenced to the penitentiary. Had he stolen a section of land he would have been elected congressman.

Gas well fever, it is said, has struck lowa. The coal mine found in Omaha was all the natural gas ever found here However, there is a wide difference between "natural gas wells" and "natural gas bags."

THE Atlanta Constitution says: "We are sending to England for a great deal of iron and steel." From that it may be inferred that Editor Grady is getting his fences in proper shape for the presidential campaign.

Because Omaha's cultured populace failed to patronize Sarah Bernhardt, many of our esteemed exchanges are pointing the finger of scorn at our city. Omaha rejoices because it was Sarah's farewell

OUR dispatches state that General J Warren Keifer, ex-speaker, etc., has arrived in Washington accompanied by an oration of from 5,000 to 6,000 words. He claims that if he gets started on his harangue there is no doubt' of his being able to finish it. The committee, which has limited his address to twenty minutes thinks differently on the subject, and is willing to risk its reputation on being able to choke him off. A battery is to be stationed near the speaker's stand -and promptly at 2 o'clock a salute is to be fired. It is smeerely hoped that Washington time will not be slow. Keifer should have known enough to have remained at home,

In Honor of Garfield.

To-day, at the capitol of the Nation, the statue of Garfield will be unveiled by the society of the army of the Cumberland with impressive and imposing ceremonies. This memorial to the scholar, the soldier and the statesman is the result of a movement started at the meeting of the army of the Cumberland on September 21, 1881, at Chattanooga, On that day the remains of Garfield were lying in state in the rotunda of the capitol in Washington, and the re-union of the army in which he had served with memorial and brilliant results was turned into a funeral service. The money for the statue was nearly all raised by the army of the Cumberland, but all the people in the country are represented by the gift by congress of the cannon for the bronze and the appropriation for the pedestal and the unveiling exercises. The statue is twelve feet high, and represents Garfield delivering an open-air speech. It is said to be a nearly perfect portraiture, full of energy and life, and realistic to a degree, Three buttresses bear allegorical figures in bronze representing Garfield as the student, the soldier and the statesman.

With the event of to-day, although under the auspices of but one of the great armies that conquered rebellion, the whole American people are in sympathy. All citizens recognize the propriety and justice of thus commemorating, at the nation's capital, a public career which constitutes a most valuable chapter of the country's history and which illustrates in an eminent degree the promise and the possibilities of American citizenship. It is well that the generations to come shall have this evidence that the men of to-day had more than a passing esteem for the high patriotism, the courageous manhood, and the moral and intellectual worth of James A. Garfield. It will add another to the many monuments that attest a people's gratitude and refute the axio m that republics are ungrateful, and among them all there are few that will have a larger or better claim to the homage of the future citizens of the nation.

O'Brien in Canada. William O'Brien arrived in Montreal yesterday morning, and was greeted by a large crowd of sympathizers with his mission. He opened his campaign last evening. There are indications that it may not be continued without encountering more or less serious trouble. The English population is manifesting a good deal of feeling, and the leading paper of Montreal has warned O'Brien that unless he is extremely careful of speech he will arouse a counter agitation that may end in deplorable complications. The appeal to the patriotism of Englishmen for a defense of Lansdowne, who has nothing in common with the people of Canada and is a mere figurehead of sovereignty, appears extremely ridiculous, but it may be effective. It is possible that the English population of the Dominion may be induced to believe that there is some selfrespect and national pride at stake, and will attempt to resent the plain truths which it is the purpose of O'Brien to tell. In that case there will certainly be trouble unless the representative of the Irish tenantry of Lansdowne shall withdraw, which he is not at all likely to do. Meanwhile the assurances of O'Brien are the viceroy in his official capacity. He is there for the purpose solely of telling the Canadian people the truth, amply attested, as to how Lansdowne has oppressed and abused hundreds of people in Ireland whose greatest misfortune is in occupying lands of which he is the owner. It is a somewhat novel method that Mr. O'Brien has adopted, but it is an entirely proper one. This oppressor of the poor, who has not the honesty to keep his contracts, nor

mission to Canada.

the manhood to take the responsibility of

their rejection, deserves to be shown up

tribunal for the exposure is the country

where he lives and rules. Intimidation

is a recourse O'Brien is used to, and it

will not deter him from fulfilling his

in his true character, and the proper

The City Attorney. Hon. W. J. Connell, who has for years been the city attorney, is the best officer the city has ever had in the legal department. His record is proof of that fact. When he took charge of the office there was a large number of claims against the city, which promised to block all public improvements if the litigants were successful. Mr. Connell at once entered vigorously upon the work of securing a good defense in each case, and it is a noteworthy fact that in no case which he has handled was the city defeated. The result restored public confidence and opened the way for public improvements which have wrought so

wonderful a change in Omaha. Mr. Connell has always faithfully attended to the duties of his office. He has attended nearly all the meetings of the council, and has responded to every request made by that body. During his four years' service he has cleared up claims against the city aggregating \$200,000. In every case the verdict has been satisfactory to the city. The cases now pending, as will be seen by his report in another column, are 157, involving almost \$300,000. These cases he has worked up thoroughly and is prepared to properly defend them.

Mayor Boyd Retires.

Mr. James E. Boyd closed his second term as mayor of Omaha Tuesday night, and transferred the duties of the executive office to the new mayor, Captain Broatch. The readers of the BEE are familiar with its views regarding the general course of Mr. Boyd's administrations. We have from time to time found a great deal to disapprove and very little to commend. The most serious fault of the ex-mayor was his continual tendency to court the favor and pander to the wishes and interests of the worst social elements. The effect has been damaging to the moral character and reputation of the city. In respect of other matters the ex-mayor was restrained from abuses of power by the adverse political majority in the legislative branch of the municipal government, and circumstances are familiar in which the importance of having this controlling power over the executive was clearly demonstrated. The result of the late election bore testimony to the popular sentiment regarding the administrations of Mayor Boyd.

The valedictory address of the retiring

mayor succinctly presented the condition of the city's affairs. It is on the whole gratifying. The evident assumption by Mr. Boyd of a large part of the credit for this condition is quite in keeping with the well-known modesty of that gentleman, and will therefore receive distinguishing quality of his character. We are quite willing, however, that he shall enjoy all the gratification he can derive from self-glorification. As a private citizen we have only the best wishes for Mr. Boyd's continued prosperity. In that relation he has certainly done a great deal for Omaha, which is recognized and appreciated. He has earned the right to rest and retirement, and we trust he will find in them the reward of abundant happiness and whatever other benefits they can youchsafe.

The Chief of Police. Under this caption the Herald assails Captain Fitzgerald, who has been men tioned as a candidate for chief of police. The flimsy pretext of the Herald is that because Captain Fitzgerald's eyesight is slightly impaired, he is physically incapacitated to perform the duties of the office. There is not in Omaha to-day a man whose physical qualifications better fit him for the responsible position than Captain Fitzgerald's. He is a picture of health and manly vigor. But because he happens to wear spectacles, and because he was retired from the army, on account of slight imperfection of his eyesight, the Herald insinuates that he is a wreck, a pensioner, and a

beggar. £ Captain Fitzgerald is known to be a man of indomitable nerve, cool judgment and unquestioned integrity. Brecause in the strict regulations of army affairs one slight physical defect unfits a man for a soldier-it does not follow that he is "wholly incapacitated" for a civilian's duty. And it is also worthy of remark that the Herald studiously omits mention of Mr. Fitzgerald's disability, but would make it appear that he was a cripple for life and could not leave an invalid's chair. Mr. Fitzgerald is not dependent upon the government for a "pension," but is a shrewd, hardworking business man of considerable means. Instead of a "pensioner" he is an honorably retired office.

A Parting Shot.

In his reference to the police department in his valedictory address, ex-Mayor Boyd spoke of the members of the police force as being generally intelligent and capable, but took occasion to depreciate the intelligence and capacity of the marshal. Perhaps this was to have been expected. but we believe no fair-minded citizen will question the impropriety of the attack in the circumstances under which it was made, while its injustice is demonstrated by the fact that with a wholly inadequate force social order has been as well maintained in Omaha, and the laws as faithfully enforced, during the incumbency of Marshal Cummings, as in any other city of equal population in the country. This has been accomplished, too, despite the fact that the marshal has not only not received the co-operation of Mr. Boyd, but has been almost continually harrassed and embarrassed by him. It is not claimed frank and fair. He is not in Canada to for the marshal that he has the interfere with its politics, or to offend highest order of administrative uny class of its citizens or to deal with ability, or that he has made no mistakes, but he has conscientiously endeavored to do his duty under adverse conditions, and it may well be doubted whether most men in similar circumstances would have been more successful. At all events the impeachment of his intelligence and capacity comes with ill grace from Mayor Boyd, and will not influence the judgment of candid men.

> THE seventh American aniversary of the Salvation army was observed in Chicago Sunday, in a gorgeous manner. The Times says: "All day the voices of the multitude could be heard in the vicinity of the headquarters singing hosannas to the Lord to such tunes as "Old Dan Tucker," "The Girl I Left Behind Me," etc., accompanied by a discordant din of drums, horns and tambourines. It was a great day; a day of rejoicing, and parading and recruiting." And thus religion has finally made itself felt in the City of Hams.

THE president yesterday appointed James H. Hyatt of Connecticut to succeed Jordan as treasurer of the United States. It is understood that the new official was recommended for the position by his predecessor. Mr. Hyatt has been a bank examiner, and is said to have excellent qualifications for the important position to which he has been appointed. If he is a financier of the Jordam school, however, it is not assured that his services will be either valuable or popular. It is to be hoped that such is not the case.

THEY have a very happy way of relieving drouth sufferers in Texas. The county commissioners of Bexar county resolved to expend \$5,000 in improving the county roads, with the object of relieving the immediate necessities of drouth sufferers of the county. They willbe employed at 75 cents per day, and will be paid entirely in provisions. Tools will be furnished by the county. This relieves the stigma of being "beggers," it is said, and all will work.

MAYOR BROATCH has seen fit to send in the name of Hon. J. L. Webster, as city attorney in place of W. J. Connell. Whatever may be his reason for this course, the fact cannot be denied that he is enticavoring to displace a very efficient officer. While the BEE knows of no good reason why there should be a change, yet if there is to be a change we have no hesitancy in saying that the selection of Mr. Webster for the place would prove satisfactory. He is a lawyer of considerable ability, and ranks high up in his profes-

OMAHA has a mind reader. He has given an exhibition, and judges pronounce him a success. The dozen men wanting to be chief of police, could learn from him whether or not there is any political balm in Gilead, by letting him read Mr. Broatch's mind.

THE new charter provides for several matters, important to many individuals. Under its provisions the street cars are compelled to start in the morning at 6:30. This will be appreciated by the laboring men, who are obliged to get to their work by 7 o'clock. At the present

time it is very seldom that a car is seen until seven or half past seven o'clock.

THE city attorney being the legal adviser of the city council, as well as of the mayor, the council is largely interested in securing a faithful and competent due value from those familiar with this lawyer to fill the office. In view of the efficient services of Hon. W. J. Connell the council would be justified in retaining him in his present position.

> JUDGE STENRERG has retired to the shades of private life. He did not remain on the bench any great length of time-yet it was all sufficient to satisfy our citizens that he had no business there and the citizens of Omaha are to be congratulated.

Mayor Boyn did justice to City Attorney Conneil in saying that "the law department has been managed with signal ability and assiduity." That fact is a matter of general public recognition.

THE Herald need have no fear that Mr. Broatch will attempt prohibition in Omaha. He assisted in passing the Slocumb law, and from all we can learn is not ashamed of it.

decided to extend her corporate limits. Sioux City also wants a bridge. There is unanimity on all subject in lowa's best town. SIOUX CITY screams loud and long and

Stoux City has held an election and

declares that the railroads must release their grip on that city.

THERE are yet a 'few planks loose,' n Mike Meaney's political sidewalk.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Aunt Patsy Bugg, of Bugg's Post Office, Ky., is almost 105 years old. Two hundred and sixty-two pairs of twins

were born in Chicago during 1886. As many as 5,243,000 trade dollars have been redeemed to date-quite a pocketful. Favorable advices continue to be received

of the progress of Stanley's African expedi-Building operations in New York are checked by fears of strikes among the work-

It must have been a valuable muffin recipe for which a New York lady paid a baker \$50 the other day.

Some unknown friend has sent Lieutenant Greeley a check for \$500 for his daughter

who was born a few weeks ago. An Algerian lion-slayer, who had killed more than 200 lions, has received the order of the Legion of Honor. The prize paid by the

government for each tion is 100 francs.

Dunsinane estate is Scotland, which comprises Dunsmane Hill, the supposed site of Macbeth's castle, is for sale. It has been in the possession of the Nairne family for sev eral centuries.

California canned and preserved and crystalized fruits are becoming favorites all over the world, its canneries turning out for shipment alone during the year just passed 8,000,000 cans of fruits, the counties in which these fruits were raised having gained an increased taxable valuation of \$83,000,000.

A number of young men held a meeting in Deadwood a few evenings ago for the purpose of forming a Young Men's Christian association, but after considerable discussion it was decided, in deference to the wish of the majority, to organize a Joint Stock Horse Racing association izstead. Deadwood is not claiming any unusual boom either.

Louis E. Granger, now a business man in man in Louisiana during the civil war, made the acquaintance of Lemuel Stockbridge, a wealthy Scotchman of Cincinnati, who had gone south to buy cotton. He was accompanied by his wife, who was in delicate health, but the lines were closed and they could not get away. Colonel Granger, however, obtained the necessary permission for them to pass the lines, and six months afterward met them on a Mississippi steamboat while on leave of absence and on his way to Cincinnati. The boat was fired on by con federates, and Colonel Granger again rendered them valuable service. Mr. Stockbridge died to Edinburg, Scotland, and by his will left \$50,000 to be paid to the colonel as mark of his appreciation. After a long search by the attorneys of the estate Colonel Granger's whereabouts were discovered and the money will be paid to him in a few days.

A Big Interrogation Point.

Baltimore American The meeting of Governor David B. Hi and Colonel Dan Lamont is the biggest in terrogation point of the season.

Who Cares?

Chicago Times,
Speaking of President Cleveland as a probable candidate in 1888, the New York Sun says-but who cares a rap what the Sun says? Paralyzed.

Milionukee Sentinel. The civil service retorm association which were doing such noble work toward the pop ularization of the retorm idea, are paralyzed They are heard from now only in an occa sional shame-faced attempt to apologize for

Leaving too Much For Imagination.

Chieago Times.

An eastern poet asks: "O watchman pacing neath the skies, above the peaks sees dawn arise?" How absurd. If you would occasionally come down to the realities of life they would know that watchmen don pace 'neath the skies to any great extent The watchman whom the poet had in mind was probably either asleep on his beat of playing whisky poker in the nearest saloon

On the Beach. Ricare Lane.

To-day, as in the olden days, I strayed along the white sea beach, Where alternate the sun and haze. And ever sounds the sea's wild speech

The shells lay pink upon the sands As ever I had seen before; I took the old friends in my hands, But flung them sadly to the shore.

The gentle waves, from far at sea. Complaining rolled and kissed my feet; But all their voices mounted to me, Their murmurings were no longer sweet. The supshine fell upon the main And gave a glitter to its breast; But its bold shimmer gave me pain, And filled my heart with hot unrest.

The sands were soft and washed and white; The waters left their lines, as each Wave, chattering, climbed a further height; But soulless now was that fair beach.

Why, love, was sunshine gloom to me?
Waves mocking? and pink shells unfair?
Why do I love no more the sea?
Because, dead Love, thou'rt buried there STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. The Chappell Enterprise is dead. Mr. Remicke, a prominent resident of Schuyler, is dead. The water mains in Nebraska are to be

extended eight miles. The Blue Hill roller mill is ready business. The plant cost \$3,500. Real estate is sufficiently active in Nor-

folk to demand the services of a street sprinkler. The saloons of Creighton have dried

up. Jug fulls of the joyful can be had

The Gering Weekly Courier is abroad in Cheyenne county. A. B. Woods is the motive power.

The Traveling Men's club dedicated their new hall at Norfolk, last Friday, with a joyful racquet. Shelton is ready to accommodate two more railroads, but objects to being make a "center" of a dozen systems on

The Knox county seat question is rising with the temperature in Creighton and Niobrara. The latter, having possession, is nine laps in the lead.

Some parties in Madison are suspected of the diabolical crime of poisoning the horses of neighbors with whom they have a quarrel. The saloon keepers of Loup City con-

tribute \$5 a month to pay for police, in addition to the regular license. This assists their customers to go home loaded to the chin. Andy Paneake, of Broken Bow, had his swell front flattened to his spine by a runaway horse. Flaxseed poultices wil probably draw him out to his normal

shape. The accommodating editor of the Rushville Sun, sweating in the light of a \$10,000 libel suit, wrote to the injured plaintiff, C. C. Akin, enquiring how much he would discount the bill for eash and what proportion could be paid in

advertising.

The will of the late Robert Hawke, of Nebraska City, has been filed for probate It divides a large estate in property and cash among his children and relatives. A farm of 160 acres and \$10,000 is placed in the hands of executors for ten years for his son William. At the end of the peried the property is to be turned over to him, provided he abandons evil associations and a woman named Sadie Glad-

lowa Items.

The Des Moines Lender will discontinue the Monday morning edition. Sioux has stretched her municipal limbs several miles into the country. Active preparations are going on at

Kingsley for the extension of the railroad

to Sioux City. The colored preacher who was arrested in Sioux City a week or two ago on charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and discharged is now working

A Hancock county cow last week was relieved of a calf with two perfectly formed heads and necks joined to one The calf was dead and an examination showed but one pair of lungs.

Improvements to the amount of \$60,000 have already been made in Fort Dodge this spring and the Chronicle says suffi-cient has been promised for the next three weeks to make the total \$100,000.

The parties sinking an artesian well at Ottumwa on Saturday struck a flow of 450 gallons per minute of soft pure water. The contractors think a still better flow can be obtained and will sink the well still beyond its present depth, which is

V. W. Bullock, for twelve years a prominent grain dealer of Burlington, has abandoned the business and removed to Denver, Col., claiming that the interstate commerce law placed such restric tions upon the grain business at Burlington as to make it unprofitable. The long and short haul has raised

storm of indignation in the interior cities. Here is a specimen from the Marshalltown Republican: "The people of Iowa ought to boycott every Chicago house that is demanding of the roads the suppression of Iowa's industries, every Chicago newspaper that advocates it, and every railroad that agrees to it. The ingratitude of that town is paralyzing. It has fattened off Iowa, and, even while it holds out its spoon for more, impudently damns the cook. Try St.

Redfield is to have a creamery to cost Sioux Falls has raised the \$50,000 guaranty for the Duluth line. "A road from Omaha and a bridge," i

the watchword at Yankton. Farmers' allfances are becoming very popular in the territory, there being suc an association in nearly every organized

Ex-Pugilist McNally, now marshal of Rapid City, added fresh wreaths to his fame as a regulator and peace preserver last week. He shot and killed a diseased

Engineers of the Northwestern are cross-sectioning south of Rapid City, and it is said the road will rest at Whitewood next winter, about forty-five miles north west of Rapid City.

A curious wind storm from the south west struck Faulkton about 11:30 last Friday night which greatly alarmed the people. A great many took refuge in cellars. Neither thunder, lightning nor rain accompanied the wind, which came very near being a cyclone. It lasted about thirty minutes.

A Wasted Life.

Woodland (Cal.) Democrat: Willard Huntley, the man who is known far and wide as "Perpetual Motion," is dead. He passed over the dark river last night after a life to all but himself was wasted. He was over 82 years of age, was a native of New Hampshire, and had been in California ever since 1853. Some thirty years ago he became infatuated with the belief that he could solve the perpetual motion puzzle. He at once set to work, and up to the time of his death had not relinquished his idea. When he first began the work he had considerable money and a fine ranch three miles west of town. He squandered nearly everything he had, and had not relatives restrained him he would have spent everything years ago. In his barn he has at the present time a machine of wonder ful proportions, and it is the same on upon which he has spent his life and fortune. He was a character seen daily on our streets lugging heavy castings, wheels, and pieces of lumber. He was old and bent and thin years ago, and how he managed to live was a mystery. The hope of completing the machine was about the only strength he had. His eyes also began to fail him a year or so ago, and for some months he had been confined to his bed. He frequently took trips down to Stockton, Sacramento and other places to sell stock in his project, and not only always failed, but was looked upon as crazy.

Not a Desirable Visitor. Toledo Pilot: Frank Muldoon occu

pies a cabin on his claim three miles above Vance, W. T. On returning from work one night he found that something had been in his cabin and strewn things around promiscuously. He supposed the intruder to be a dog, but the next evening on approaching the house a panther ran out of it, taking in his mouth a side of bacon. That night the animal was heard by Muldoon, but not seen. On the following day Muldoon took his gun with him to work. leaving the house securely fastened, but on roturning in the evening a racket inside was evidenced that Mr. Panther was at his evening meal. Investigation showed he had torn off several boards showed he had torn oil several boards from the back of the house. Muldoon shouted to bring him out and in a moment his head appeared at the hole, when Muldoon shot him in the neck. The wound was fatal, but did not cause death until the panther had spattered his blood all over the house and demotished everything in it.

A ROMANCE OF THE FIFTIES.

Plundering the Cargo of the North American.

GRIFFITH'S LOST FORTUNE.

Prospecting on Board a Ship-Applying Mining Laws at Sea-Whisky and Avarice-Dying in Debauchery.

San Francisco Chronicle: Away back in the fifties, when men were hurrying to the mines in the wild race for gold which followed the discovery of the precious metal near Sutter's mill, fortunes were sometimes made in San Francisco with a rapidity which astonished even the lucky miners, who, after a big strike, came to the city to squander their winnings. Sometimes the suddenly acquired wealth was the result of a lucky stroke of speculation in some commodity of which there happened to be a dearth in the market, and sometimes it was brought about by far-sighted combinations of careful, conservative business men. Everybody was on the watch for an opportunity to grasp the golden opportunity which might come to any one at a moment's notice Among those who were thus waiting for that tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune, was Captain William Griffith, now one

of the capitalists of the city.

Captain | Griffith at the time was the owner of a little tugboat called the Resolute. The craft would make a fair sized launch for the large and powerful steam ers which now do the towing on the bay and with her small engines and diminu tive wheel could not cope successfully with the strong tides which set through the Golden Gate, especially with a large ship at the end of the hawser.
All of the Captain's capital was in-

vested in the tug, and he and his chief assistant, Captain William Diedrickson, or "Old Captain Bill," as the tugmen and shipowners called him, were on watch day and night to turn an honest penny. It was hard grubbing, however and the owner was often hard-pressed to find the money to pay the running expenses of the steamer.

THE NORTH AMERICA WRECKED. On a stormy day in February, of 1854, when the wind was blowing a gale from the north-east and all the shipping in port was as safe and comfortable as good ground-tackle could make them, and the sea on the bar was so heavy that there seemed but little probability of any in ward bound ship attempting to make the harbor, the little Resolute steamer down the bay toward the Gate in the hope that something would turn up which might give her a job, For several hours she lay tossing in the chopping sea in the chan-nel, until late in the afternoon a large ship was seen beating in against the wind, helped by the last of the flood tide. The craft was well handled and in a short time crossed the bar and began a series of short tacks to bring her inside

From her rig and signals she was made out to be the ship North America, from New York, laden with a general cargo valued at nearly five hundred thousand dollars. Everything went well until the vessel was nearly opposite Fort Point, when by some error of judgment or the confusion and excitement caused by the rapid work of handling such a large craft in such a narrow channel, the pilot ordered the helm up instead of down, and the ship wore instead of coming about in stays. She whirled like a top, and with the speed of an express train on a down grade dashed across the narrow expanse of water for the opposite shore. Before she could be got fairly under command the short distance had been traversed and the good ship North America was making a vain effort to bore a hole in Point Diablo with her jibboom. TO THE RESCUE.

The watchers on the Resolute at once steamed to the rescue, as the crew were was evident the ship had been seriously damaged and was about to be abandoned. Before the tug reached the ship, which was drifting rapidly out to sea before the gale, the boats were seen to put off, loaded with the crew, and the ship was left a waif on the ocean. As the tug passed the boats the crew was hailed and urged to return and attempt to rescue the vessel. They finally agreed to go back, but as soon as they came alongside the men and officers started for cabin and forecastle, and a wild scramble to save personal effects began. As soon as the boats were loaded with all they could safely carry, they were again manned, and oweers and crew abandoned her to

Here was a chance for a fortune such as seldom comes to a man, and Captain Griffith determined to make an effort to secure it. The ship and cargo could not be worth less than \$750,000, and the slaves of such a sum would give the owner of the rescuing tug a fortune such as he had never in his most sanguine mo-ments hoped to possess. With all possible speed a hawser was got out to the wrecked ship, and then began a protracted struggle of the little steamer against the wind. The tide had stopped running, and slowly the little craft gained against the gale until she was fairly the proverse protein of the contract o within the narrower portion of the chan-nel. Visions of wealth floated before the captain's eyes, and the dull skies filled

with masses of grey clouds seemed ex-ceedingly rosy to him.
Unfortunately, about this time the tide began to run out, and the tug and her tow became stationary. As the tide be-came stronger the advance was changed to a retrograde movement. It was not long before it became evident that the Resolute and the ship, which was sinking rapidly, would be carried out to sea, and that if any part of the cargo was to be close at hand. APPLYING MINING LAWS.

Just outside of Point Diable is a small cave with deep water close in to the beach. The tug made fast alongside the ship and in a short time ran her hard and fast on the shelving shore of the cave and left her there. The news of the wreck and the posi-

tion of the ship was soon noised through the town and before daylight the next morning all the idle men in San Francisco who could procure a sail or row boat which would keep affoat long enough to make the trip, were on their way to the spot. The decks and spars were soon stripped of everything which could be moved, and then the raid on the cargo For a while a free fight seemed inevitable, but the danger was averted by a suggestion of a returning miner. The deck was staked off into mining claims. Axes were obtained from the ship's men were busy chopping holes in the deck as the first step toward sinking a

deck as the first step toward sinking a shaft on their claims.

Before long entrances were made and then the fun began. As soon as a box was reached it was opened, a cursory inspection of its contents made and the more valuable articles appropriated. Boats were busy passing and repassing Boats were busy passing and repassing to the shore, carrying away the plunder secured by the mining partners of the boat owner. Poles were set and lines run in them on the slopes of the point It soon looked as though all the laun dries and dyeing establishments in the country were having an industrial exhibition. Silks, satin, cloth, woolen, cotton and linen goods of every conceivable shade were fluttering and flapping in the wind.

WHISKY STRUCK. As no man was allowed to go outside of the side lines of his claim it was not

long before an energetic reached the lower hold and tapped a barrel of whisky, of which there was a goodly quantity on board. He at once 1 announced his rich strike. Buckets were procured and the liquor passed on deck. Cups.glasses, broken bottles, tin cans, anything that would hold the liquor long enough were used as drinking vessels. The fun grew fast and furious. Men arrayed themselves in hats, boots and ready made ciothing from the ship's cargo and a genuine spree was maugurated. As the liquor took effect the members of the marine mining camp resorted to the language most familiar to them and a var-itable Babel was the result. The rigging, at least so much of it as was left standing, was soon occupied by men clad in broadcloth, wearing silk hats still wrapped in paper, singing and shouting and encouraging the few workers below in every language known to the civilized The saturnalia continued for world three or four days, and only ceased when the last of the cargo which could be reached had been taken out and the ship was beginning to break up. Then the majority of the wreckers abandoned her, but a faithful few refused to leave as long as a barrel of liquor remained un-broached. Some of them lay about the deck in a drunken stupor the greater portion of the time, waking only to renew their debauch and again lapse into a drunken sleep. When the ship finally went to pieces it was known that a number of men of this class were still on board. They were never heard from again, and are supposed to have gone to the bottom or floated out to sea to feed the fishes. In those days the disappearance of a man created but little comment. He might have gone to the mines, or, disgusted with frontier life, have shipped be fore the mast on a homeward-bound yes-No inquiries were made, and no one can tell how mary of the miners who quarried out the cargo of the North America came to their death by drown

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ing when the ship broke up.

The Colored Man Who Rose From Cabin Boy to Be the Best Pilot on the Savannah River.

Augusta Chronicle: John Bell, the old Savannah river steamboat pilot, who died in Savannah recently, deserves more than a passing notice. He had been on the river forty-three years-first as cabin boy, then as a deckhand, finally, through his intelligence and thorough knowledge of the river, he was raised to the position of pilot, in which capacity he officiated until the day of his death. He was considered by all the river captains as the most efficient and trusted pilot on the Savannah river. He has experienced many dangers from burning steamers, etc., and through his coolness and presence of mind saved many persons from the flames and watery graves. He acted as pilot on the steamer Carrie when that ill-fated boat burned, and on that occa-sion his conduct was such that nearly every passenger escaped. Notwithstand ing he was literally surrounded by fire. he heroically stuck to the wheel, running the boat six times ashore, but without avail, as the rope would be burned in two as fast as the attempt would be

made to tie up the steamer.

When compelled to plunge into the river to save himself from the fire, he did not take to the shore until he had completely exhausted himself by his efforts to save those who were forced to jump into the river. He was one colored man in a thousand, being not only a man of high principle and honor, but a devoted husband and father. His family never knew what it was to want during his lifetime. He was exceedingly generous, and was never known to refuse help to any one when it was in his power to do so. In his death the steamboat corporation have sustained a great loss, as he not only thoroughly understood the navigation of the river, but could be counted on in any emergency. His behavior and exemplary onduct won for him the esteem of all who knew him.



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